

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND CLAIM FOR PRIORITY  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1-11: Cancelled.

Claim 12 (original): A silver halide photographic emulsion comprising silver chloriodide grains or silver chloriodobromide grains, having 90 mol% or more of a silver chloride content, wherein the introduction of the iodide ion is carried out by using silver halide fine grains containing silver iodide which are formed by providing and mixing an aqueous solution of a water-soluble silver salt and an aqueous solution of a water-soluble halide compound containing the iodide ion in a mixing vessel which is provided separately from a reaction vessel in which a nucleation and/or grain growth of the silver halide grain is carried out.

Claim 13 (new): The silver halide photographic emulsion as claimed in claim 12, wherein said silver halide fine grains have a grain size of 0.06  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.

Claim 14 (new): The silver halide photographic emulsion as claimed in claim 12, wherein the main planes of said silver chloriodide grains or silver chloriodobromide grains comprise {100} faces.

Claim 15 (new): The silver halide photographic emulsion as claimed in claim 12, wherein said silver chloriodide grains or silver chloriodobromide grains contain one or more transition metal complexes.

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Claim 16 (new): The silver halide photographic emulsion as claimed in claim 12, wherein the content of the iodide ion is 0.1 mol% or more of the total silver amount of the entire emulsion grains.

Claim 17 (new): The silver halide photographic emulsion as claimed in claim 12, wherein the content of the iodide ion is 0.06 mol% or more of the total silver amount of the entire emulsion grains and the silver halide emulsion is spectrally sensitized with a trimethine cyanine dye.

Claim 18 (new): The silver halide photographic emulsion as claimed in claim 12, wherein the content of the iodide ion is 0.06 mol% or more of the total silver amount of the entire emulsion grains and the central metal of at least one kind of the transition metal complex is iron, iridium ruthenium or osmium.